

## Illinois Public Utility Bills Threaten the Nation

Insult Puppets Pass Bills Opening  
Way for Grab of All  
City Utilities

Samuel Insull, the world's greatest electrical power magnate, is driving through the Illinois legislature five public utility measures that may prove to be the opening wedge in America for the general displacement of all protective laws in other states and the gobbling up of all city-owned power, traction, gas and water systems.

Despite the determined efforts and the clear and powerful public joint statements of the mayors of the threatened Illinois cities where public ownership is a demonstrated success, and the clear and strong statements spread broadcast by the Public Ownership League of America in an eleventh hour desperate drive to stop this crime, the Insull slaves and prostitutes in the Illinois senate passed all of these measures by big majorities.

**Mayors Sign Protest**  
The statements of the mayors and other public officials of Illinois cities that may soon witness the wholesale appropriation by the trust of every enterprise within their confines of a public nature, is signed by the following persons: James H. Andrews.  
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### Foil Banker Plot To Denationalize French Industry

**PARIS**—The international bankers plot to denationalize the state industries of France, in which American capitalists led, suffered a reverse when the French Chamber of Deputies by a vote of 280 to 211 defeated an attempt to turn the state match industry over to a Swedish-American trust.

The Socialists led in opposition to the measure and were supported by the radicals. The measure was strongly pushed by Premier Poincare and the whole reactionary bloc. Three members of Poincare's cabinet—Herriot, Painleve and Queille, voted against denationalization.

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## Supreme Court O.K.s' Harvester Trust

### Government Discriminates Against Union Mined Coal

#### Vicious Anti-Union Clause Is Passed by British Parliament

Labor Seethes as Feature of  
"Blackleg Charter" Is  
Jammed Through

**LONDON**—By a vote of 275 to 120 the House of Commons passed clause 2 of the trades union bill which makes it illegal for a union to expel a member who refuses to join a strike that has been held "illegal" by the courts.

Where the clause is violated the worker may sue for damages and "compensation." This opens a wide road for onslaught on union funds by Conservative magistrates.

Debate on the clause was marked by bitterness against strikebreakers by members of the Labor party. Attacks on the government for proposing the bill were overlooked in the barrage against workers who refuse to join a movement for improving conditions.

"Blackleg" was the mildest term used. One Labor member said the bill was a counterpart to the Victoria Cross (awarded by the government for deeds of heroism) and offered the following design for it: An inscription at the top "The blackleg's reward," and underneath, "To him who deserts his comrades in the day of their struggle." Emblem in the center, a pig and a pipe.

"That will show who is responsible for the bill," said the Labor member, with an evident allusion to Prime Minister Baldwin's fondness for pipe smoking.

The trade unionists are arousing the country against the bill, although the Conservatives' huge majority assures its passage. At one recent week-end more than 300 meetings were held throughout England and Scotland.

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Cuts Railroad Rates on Scab Coal  
20 Cents a Ton to Crush  
Locked-Out Miners

By Leland Olds

The interstate commerce commission decision reducing transportation rates on coal from the Pittsburgh and adjoining districts to Lake Erie ports should arouse labor to recognition of the need for a labor party. It marks the climax of a series in which transportation rates have been manipulated in favor of non-union as opposed to union mined coal.

This assertion sounds strange in view of the fact that the United Mine Workers supported the request of the Pittsburgh operators for such a decision. But at the time when the union intervened the Pittsburgh region was still largely in the union column. Since then the leading companies have violated the Jacksonville pact and started operations on an open shop basis.

The present decision of the commission is particularly bare-faced because it reverses a previous one rendered when the Pittsburgh district was still union. In the earlier decision the commission overruled the recommendation of its examiner, who asserted that existing rates represented

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### Labor and Farmer Gains In Ireland

**DUBLIN**, Ireland.—Election returns for members of the Irish parliament, from 126 constituencies out of a total of 152 are as follows: Labor, 21; Farmer, 8; Government party, 39; Republican party, 37; Independents, 10; National league, 7; Sinn Fein, 4. Before the election the Labor party, which is a Socialist party, had 15 members.

### From The Pen Of Debs

(Compiled by Theodore Debs)

#### The Real Debauchers of the Nation

The presidential election campaign of 1928 will soon begin and once again the people will be told that all the evils from which they suffer will disappear if they will get rid of the corrupt political boss. In the following editorial Debs completely demolishes this fallacy and shows beyond contradiction who the real boss is, whom we must abolish.

As well established and quite as necessary as the industrial "boss" is the political "boss" in the existing social system. His business is to run the political machine, not in the interest of the people, or even of any particular party, but in the interest of the private owner of the public utility, or the private controller of the social need, whose economic interest conflicts with that of the people, and who must, therefore, control the political machinery so as to obtain control of government.

The political "boss" is the creature of the modern capitalist; he was spawned in, and has developed with, capitalism.

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### Militarists Trying to Exploit Lindbergh

**WASHINGTON, D.C., June 10.**—Officers of the United States Air Force association today dispatched a radiogram to Col. Lindbergh, urging him to refuse to don his army uniform for the Washington reception. The association charges that the army is trying to exploit Lindbergh for its own purposes.

"Army officials endeavoring to get you in uniform for the exploitation of the army," the message read. "Your success was made as a civilian. Do not fall for their stuff."

### Fascism Leading to Unemployment Crisis

The following is from the International Federation of Trade Unions, Amsterdam, Holland:

(I. T. F. U.) According to official statistics there were at the beginning of April 201,000 unemployed in Italy, distributed as follows: agriculture 50,000, mining 50,000, building trades 50,000, textile industry 36,000, metal industry 23,000, miscellaneous industries 63,000. Many industries have been left entirely out of account in these official statistics, as for instance the leather and boot and shoe industries, the clothing and hat industries and the printing trades. Italian trade union circles say that these figures are considerably below the reality.

### Unemployment Gone In Russia, Declares Capitalist Dispatch

(The following is a cable to the Chicago Daily News from Julius R. Wood, a well known American newspaper correspondent.)

Moscow, U. S. S. R., June 8.—The number of unemployed in the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, which increased from 1,070,000 to 1,455,000 in the six months ending March 31 was reduced to 27,000 in the month of April largely because the peasants who flocked to the cities last winter are returning to their farms.

In April the unemployment does amounted to about \$4,000,000, varying from \$6 to \$11 for each worker with 20 per cent added in the case of those having families. The annual unemployment fund is \$45,000,000, of which the local and national governments contributed 16 per cent, the unions 11 per cent and the employers the remainder in the form of social insurance.

The sweet smelling bunch of British big business magnates and aristocrats who are trying to wreck the British Labor movement and are leading in a plot to crush world labor, are like the present Prince of Wales—they are riding for a fall.

### Aim of Hankow Party Is Socialism, Affirms Chen

Radical Wing of Chinese Revolution Turns from Communistic  
Revolt to Socialist Evolution

The following important statement by Eugene Chen, Foreign Minister of the Chinese nationalist government at Hankow, reveals for the first time the real aims and purposes of the more radical section of the Chinese revolution and the attitude of this section to Chiang Kai-shek, who split away from the Hankow government and slaughtered many communists and members of the trade unions in eastern China.

This statement was given to the world through Paul Wright, American newspaper correspondent, after a former statement along the same lines had been given by the traitor, Chiang Kai-shek.

Eugene Chen, interviewed in his flat in Hankow, said: "From the time the Kuomintang left Canton, pushing northward, they had only one purpose in view, the establishment of national power over a united China. The natural route of the Kuomintang armies lay through Hankow, thence north, as a glance at the map shows, along the Hankow-Peking railway."

Chiang Kai-shek moved the government offices to Hankow the next logical step was the taking of Peking. It was at this step that Chiang Kai-shek was led astray by the lure of Nanking and Shanghai. His ill-advised campaign eastward for the charms and revenues of the great cities down the river has cost us three months' delay in the Yangtze valley, splitting the party temporarily, the map shows, are advancing northward successfully.

"The armies which Chiang Kai-shek has misled will see he has fooled them and he will be eliminated; thus the breach in the party will be healed. Fundamentally, the differences between ourselves and Chiang Kai-shek are even wider because he represents the theory of autocracy and one-man rule, whereas the true Kuomintang is based on rule by the party, submergence of the individual to the good of all and dominance of the group."

**For Functional Democracy**  
"The traditional Government of China always has been autocracy. The revolution in 1911 abolished this, although the idea persisted in Peking at the time of Yuan Shih-kai and even now, when Chang Tso-lin's control through Wellington Koo during the last fifteen years has proved that Anglo-Saxon democracy rule by elective parliaments and congresses cannot succeed in China."

"Therefore, we are turning to the scheme of functional democracy, which has its germs in the guild system."

(Functional democracy as Chen here uses the term, would be democracy based upon the representation of economic or industrial groups, rather than representation of geographical subdivisions, as in America—Editor)

### Evolution to Socialism

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### 1,000,000 Factory Workers Ousted By Coolidge Prosperity

11 Per Cent More Jobless in  
Factories Than at Peak  
of Prosperity

**WASHINGTON**—Factory employment in the United States declined about 1 percent from March to April, according to the U. S. department of labor. The report asserts that a falling off in manufacturing employment is customary in April owing to the seasonal character of so many industries but that the decreases in this month in 1927 are not so large as usual.

This statement is accurate only as applied to comparisons with 1926 and 1924, for the decline in employment between March and April this year is greater than in either 1925 or 1923. Factory employment is now 24 percent below April a year ago and about 11 percent under the level of April 1922. This means that nearly 1,000,000 workers employed in the factories in April 1923 have been forced to look elsewhere for their livelihood.

The report shows employment lower than a year ago in all geographical divisions of the country except the South Atlantic. In the manufacturing centers of the country the declines were above the average for the country as a whole. Employment fell 4.1 percent below April 1926 in New England, 4.8 percent below in the middle Atlantic states and 3 percent below in the East North Central division.

It is a sad reflection on the character of the capitalist press that the same papers that were reporting the fall of Hankow to the northern armies two weeks ago are now reporting the fall of Peking to the Hankow forces.

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Although it has been proved and admitted in court that the International Harvester company is a monopoly in the meaning of the law, since it controls more than 85 per cent of the total output of farm machinery in the United States, and possesses the power to fix farm machinery prices regardless of the interests of the farmers, this trust was given a clean bill of health and will continue to do business under full sanction and protection of the law, by a decision of the Supreme Court of the United States this week.

In its ruling, written by Justice Sanford, the Supreme Court asserts that "the law does not make the mere size of a corporation, however impressive, or the existence of unexerted power on its part, an offense, when unaccompanied by unlawful conduct in the exercise of its power," and also "the fact that competitors may see proper, in the exercise of their own judgment, to follow the prices of another manufacturer, does not establish any suppression of competition or show any sinister domination."

This amazing interpretation legalizes all price-fixing "understanding" and "gentlemanly agreements" between firms. It is practically an invitation to the members of a line of trade or manufacture to go ahead and agree on prices, and a promise that they can count on the support of the courts.

The government's original suit in 1912 charged that the harvester company, after combining five other firms with an aggregate output exceeding 85 per cent of the total farm machinery production of the country, acquired coal mines and steel mills and resorted to many unfair methods to destroy competition.

The result was an order of the District court finding that the company had been a combination in restraint of trade and ordering its dissolution. The company appealed to the Supreme court, but before the case could be heard, the appeal was withdrawn, a two-cent device to be entered by the lower court.

The harvester company was ordered to sell part of its properties and harvester lines within one year after the close of the world war. In July, 1922, the government filed a suit in federal court declaring that the harvester company had sold the least important of its harvester lines and had destroyed competition by underselling competitors in times of depression.

Now, on top of the decision of a lower court that this company had violated the anti-trust law and in the face of this record of the harvester company's violating the court order to sell enough of its properties to destroy it as a monopoly, the Supreme Court of the United States renders a decision legalizing and perpetuating this huge combination.

### A. F. OF L. STATES STAND ON SACCO-VANZETTI CASE

The following appears in the current issue of the American Federation of Labor:

The A. F. of L. stands on principle when it asks for judicial or executive relief for Sacco and Vanzetti.

The condemned men believe in a social theory that is shunned by organized labor, but this is not the issue. Neither is their innocence or guilt under discussion.

The Massachusetts law provides that the trial judge shall pass on pleas for a new trial. In other States appellate courts review such appeals.

Affidavits charge Judge Thayer, the trial judge, with expressing opinions hostile to the accused during and after the trial. He refused to grant a new trial and the State Supreme Court rules that he is acting under the law.

As the case now stands two men under sentence of death claim they have not had a fair trial and that a biased judge refuses to order a new trial because they are radicals.

Organized labor insists that the fundamentals of law should be rigidly applied in every case, regardless of the political or social views of the accused.

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# NEWS AND VIEWS

## China Raises the Socialist Standard

The statement by Eugene Chen, Foreign Minister of the Chinese revolutionary government at Hankow, is one of the most clarifying and important that has issued from China recently. It is printed in this issue of the Appeal. The Hankow government, according to Chen, is not aiming at a proletarian dictatorship, but at the cooperation of all present classes through a system of functional democracy, or industrial group representation, with Socialism as the final objective. In other words, the leaders of the revolution in China aim to bring Socialism by a slow process of peaceful evolution. A government composed of representatives of industrial groups, or classes, would be an ideal form of democracy to be used as the instrument in bringing Socialism, because eventually the workers and peasants would be the predominant groups and their will to establish a republic of the workers in which all purely owning parasites would be eliminated, would finally prevail. This is wisdom of a high order. China with its 400,000,000 inhabitants will become one of the greatest examples of Socialist progress in the world.

## Overtaxed Farmers

What an awful howl financial and industrial owners and middlemen would raise if they were taxed out of one third of their total profits, as the farmers have been the last three years! If they were taxed out of six times their net profits, as the farmers were in 1920 and 1921, they would immediately turn into red revolutionaries. After being skinned to the bone by the capitalist control of prices, the farmer is taxed by the capitalist government until his property is seized under the sheriff's hammer in appalling amounts. Capitalism hasn't even the sense and foresight to save the farmer goose that lays the golden egg. Its greed is killing the goose. The whole situation arises from capitalist control of government, which makes possible the capitalist control of the whole marketing, financial and industrial system. The farmers will stay right where they are and be the goose until they develop enough gumption to unite with other workers politically and oust the capitalists from the control of the government.

## Real Tragedy of

### Mississippi Flood

The United States government spends 85 per cent of its revenues for wars, past, present and future. The World War cost 30 billion dollars. Today we are maintaining at an enormous cost large military forces in Nicaragua and China to protect the private investments of rich bankers and industrialists who own and operate the government. In the Mississippi river valley hundreds of thousands of farmers and their families are homeless victims of the flood, seriously endangered by exposure, hunger and epidemics, while the same government is unable to do anything except transform itself into a beggar for the dimes and pennies of the workmen and school children to help these sufferers.

One billion of the 30 billion dollars criminally wasted in the World War would relieve the victims of the flood, remove the floodwaters, have the Mississippi to the production of cheap power for the benefit of the people and save enough in crops in a few years to replace the original expenditure.

This situation brings out strikingly the ingratitude and helplessness of governments under our present war-breeding capitalist system. The money that was wasted in the World War and that produced nothing but destruction, evil and misery, if applied wisely and creatively would banish ignorance and poverty from the nation.

## Reporter Describes

### The Third Degree

The unspeakably barbarous and unjust third degree method, despite exposure on the stage and in the press, is still in full-flledged operation, and hangs like a fearful death penalty over the head of every radical and every person not liked by the police to be used to railroad them to jail, by wringing false confessions from them.

How criminals are put through the third degree is described in the current issue of THE NATION by A. C. Sedgwick, a reporter on the New York Times, who was an eyewitness of such a proceeding in one of the police stations of Greater New York.

One detective takes a piece of rubber hose, which is part of the equipment of the detective bureau and is favored for use because it leaves no marks. Another takes out his black-jack. Others grab anything—black-jacks, revolvers, night sticks. "I see you before," bawls a detective. "No, sir," the prisoner answers. "The detective strikes him. This is the signal. The 'shellac' has started. Blow after blow from the rubber hose, black-jacks, and night sticks. The prisoners fall to the floor. The blood pours from their faces. They spit and cough blood. The detectives, still in a white rage, look at them. The door opens. A young policeman in uniform pokes his head in. 'You fellows are poked with 'em,' he says. 'Is that so?' roars a detective and kicks a prisoner in the face, pulls him to his feet, props him against the desk, then takes the butt of his revolver and makes a dash for his head. The three prisoners go to the hospital.

If it were asked of any official source what these men had done it would be said that they received their injuries resisting arrest, or perhaps that the 'sidewalk came up and hit 'em.'

The newspapers later said the three men were questioned and admitted not only that they were caught doing but all sorts of "stick-ups" in the last six months. They admitted everything with which the detectives charged them.

## A World Conference To Save Capitalism

We are living in the midst of the most tremendous changes in all history. The International Economic Conference just held in Geneva was nothing but an emergency conference of the ruling powers of the earth to save the present seriously threatened industrial system. It dealt with nothing and discussed nothing except measures calculated to save the capitalist system from imminent destruction. The only program tolerated and discussed was concerned with the breaking down of tariff walls, the division of raw materials, the bolstering up of credits, the handling of crushing war debts. American capitalism loftily offered a program slightly different from that proposed by the rest of the world. Russia offered the only program that stands any show to remedy the situation—but Russia was practically laughed out of court because the Russian plan would eliminate the capitalists and imperialists and completely change the system. The conference got nowhere because the plan will work that does not abolish the capitalist system and a conference of the representatives of capitalism will never abolish capitalism. THE CONFERENCE PROVED THAT THE CAPITALIST SYSTEM IS BREAKING DOWN AND ARE EXCITED ABOUT IT. AND IT PROVED THAT THEY CANNOT DO ANYTHING TO SAVE IT.

## The Biggest Theft In All History

The report issued by the Department of Agriculture last week that the farmers' share of the national income had declined from 20.5 per cent to 10.5 per cent of the total national income for the last five years is startling. It is startling that the proportionate share of the national income of a large class of workers should be cut in two in ten years and equally startling that a third of the people of a great nation should get only a tenth of the national income. The farmers and their families roughly constitute almost a third of the population. How much is it worth for this third to feed the other two-thirds and furnish them with raw materials for the factories? Surely, more than 10 per cent of the national income. Surely, at least one third of the national income. If the farmers got a third of the national income, they would get more than three times what they are getting now. The amount they earn by the price of their services to the nation and that they do not get goes to the financial and industrial owners, the middlemen and non-producing parasites, and represents the most gigantic theft in history. A theft of this size and suddenness was impossible until recently except through the military conquest and looting of an entire nation. Now it is accomplished easily every year by the control of government by the bankers. Why don't the farmers wake up and learn the value in dollars and cents of political power? United politically with the workers, they could stop the robbery of all men who work and produce.

## What About the Father of Lindbergh?

Capitalistic bigotry has gone the limit in its treatment of Charles A. Lindbergh's father. The young hero's mother is idolized by the capitalist press. Lindbergh's remote ancestors are resurrected and exhibited as worthy Viking ancestors of a worthy descendant. But one would not know that young Lindbergh has a father who was the fact not brought out in the liberal and radical papers. The reason is plain.

Lindbergh senior was for ten years a member of congress from Minnesota.

During his ten years in Congress he was a pacifist, a member of the Farmer-Labor group, an opponent of what he termed the Money Trust and a foe of the pro-imperialist group, an admirer of the late Senator La Follette, and the author of two well-thumbed books found in the New York Public Library—"Why is Your Country at War?" and "The Economic Pinch." For saying, "We have been dragged into the war by the intrigue of the speculators," he was bitterly attacked as pro-German. In 1918 when he was campaigning for Governor of Minnesota on the Non-Partisan League ticket, he was refused a hall in Duluth and the New York Times expressed surprise that he was not under indictment for sedition. Through it all his son stood by him.

Now young Lindbergh reveals once more the upright, sturdy and honest qualities of his father by refusing a \$2,000,000 offer to commercialize his immortal exploit. That, more than anything else, is why the people love and idolize him. Instinctively the people under capitalism are far better than the system and infinitely better than the unspeakably bigoted, unfair, mendacious and corrupt capitalist press.

Senator McNary, author of the farmers' favorite relief bill has announced that he will support Coolidge's assassination of the bill. How long will it take the farmers to get wise to this kind of political game in which they are the pawns and victims?

A new wrinkle in trusts is the recent agreement among oil magnates to put a curb on oil wells and prevent the overproduction of oil. Oil men in the past have found it necessary to control only the other end of the business—the spigot where the public gets its oil. The whole capitalist system is like that—the greedy capitalists make the intake of wealth so great at its source that their stingy little spigot of restricted consumption can't handle it; so they have to shut wealth off at its source AND KEEP THE REST OF US POOR IN ORDER THAT THEY MAY BE RICH.

The Federal Council of Churches, representing 22,000,000 Protestant communicants, has been investigating the facts upon which the U. S. Mexican trouble is based. They find that while American oil men have some cause for complaint in the Mexican oil laws, there is nothing in the situation that would justify the use of force and nothing that could not be settled by arbitration. It was this great body of churches that forced through the passage of an arbitration resolution by congress. It may be able to prevent the present plot to cause the overthrow of the Calles government. This great national peace force is demonstrating that the people can prevent wars by the pressure of public opinion.

The world conference at Geneva to save capitalism very significantly endorsed the trust as a means of preserving the present system. The trust may save the capitalist, but heaven help the rest of us. It means, much, however, that the eastern hemisphere, at least, is through with all this hypocrisy about trust busting. The sooner the people discover that the trusts are the inevitable outcome of capitalism, the sooner the people will be ready to take them over and democratize them and operate them for the benefit of everybody.

The sanctity of the ermine is being sullied so often nowadays that the myth of the infallibility of judges is passing rapidly. The Chicago Republicans and Democrats combined to shut out all judges who did not wear the collar of the political and industrial monopoly. No sooner was the election of judges than the election frauds were uncovered involving this unsavory combination. Imagine going to these judges, elevated from such corrupt sources, for justice!

A short time ago the German fascists—the Stahlhelm—gathered from all over Germany to make an impressive show of power in Berlin. Berlin could shoulder them—denial their lodging places so that they had to cut their demonstration short. About the same time the German workers held a May Day demonstration attended by not less than 100,000. Berlin is still the victim of the poisonous war and post-war capitalist propaganda. The meeting, a large and orderly one, held in front of the British consulate, was violently disturbed not only by the hordes and bands of office workers, but the assemblage was pelted by paper clips, rolls of paper and showers of water thrown from the windows of surrounding buildings. Excerpts on banners that offended and enraged these office workers were:

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## Labor Radio Gets Good Wave Length

CHICAGO—Broadcast station WFL, owned and operated by the Chicago Federation of Labor, has been awarded an excellent wave length and frequency by the Federal Radio Commission. The allocation of wave lengths is effective June 15 and after a 60-day test will be made permanent unless unexpected difficulties arise. The new wave length is but one point lower on the tuning dial than wave length 41.1, which WFL has been using. The change will cause no inconvenience to listeners.

## Pullman Co. Judge Drives Negro Labor Man from Florida

CHICAGO—"I think I'll give you about 30 days at Blue Jay farm and after that you'll probably be taken to a tree. Be down at 9 o'clock tomorrow and Cooper will be with the evidence."

The voice speaking is that of Judge Beckham of a Jacksonville, Fla., police court addressing Ben Smith, organizer for the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, rapidly growing Negro railway union. But Judge Beckham is serving only as the mouthpiece of the powerful Pullman Company, controlled by J. P. Morgan & Co. of New York, and F. E. Cooper is the company's district superintendent.

Smith had broken no law, had violated no city ordinance. He had merely succeeded in keeping his organizing activities in Jacksonville from the company's attention for some 2 months in the course of which he had lined up 250 of the best porters 412 in Jacksonville in support of Pullman. That was enough. In the interest of keeping Pullman open shop he must be intimidated into leaving the city. Smith is now in Chicago at the headquarters of the Brotherhood.

## Two Radio Trusts Divide the World Between Themselves

WASHINGTON—If the new established trust octopus, The Radio Corporation of America is upheld in the highest courts, it will absolutely control—so far as science can now anticipate—the development and use of broadcasting of electric power. That mode of power-transmission has already been shown to be possible on a small scale. The trust will control the use of television. It will dictate terms for the people's use of many other developments equally important in the radio field. Most significant of all, it will determine what ideas shall be broadcast, what politicians shall be widely and instantly made to appear heroic, and what social tendencies shall be popularized in a day or a week.

This latest combine is so big, so firmly entrenched in basic patents and lobbies and administrative offices, as was Westinghouse, the General Electric, of a generation ago, or General Electric, its paternal parent, look a pigmy by comparison.

General Electric, Westinghouse Electric & Manufacturing, and American Telephone & Telegraph were the three big interests that, during the war, to get Secretary of the Navy Daniels to sanction their pool of some hundreds of patents in the field of radio and wireless. Daniels refused. They went ahead anyhow. Radio Corporation of America was organized, with General Electric the biggest component element. The new concern, assisted by General Electric, bought out Marconi Wireless Telegraph (America) and made an iron-clad traffic monopoly contract with British Marconi to divide the world between them. Special agreements were made with the Radio Corporation and General Electric, Westinghouse and A. T. & T. for division among them of the manufacturing and selling fields.

## Hands-Off-China Meeting Enrages White Collar Mob

NEW YORK—An open air meeting of the Hands-Off-China Committee to protest against the imperialist strangling of the rising republic brought out the fact that the American mob is still the victim of the poisonous war and post-war capitalist propaganda. The meeting, a large and orderly one, held in front of the British consulate, was violently disturbed not only by the hordes and bands of office workers, but the assemblage was pelted by paper clips, rolls of paper and showers of water thrown from the windows of surrounding buildings. Excerpts on banners that offended and enraged these office workers were:

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## Warns of British Murder Plot Against Soviet Ambassadors

Moscow, U. S. S. R., June 13.—A startling statement has been received from government officials in Ethiopia declaring that their investigation indicates that their attempts have been planned against Soviet representatives abroad similar to the assassination of Peter L. Volkov, Russian minister in Warsaw.

Eugene Klepikov and his wife, Nadejda, were placed on trial before a Baltic fleet court-martial at Leningrad charged with being employed by the British admiralty to steal secret information from the soviet navy. Klepikov, according to the secret police, has confessed that he received \$50 in return for information that may cost him his life. His wife assisted in transmitting the secrets.

## Imperialists Pick Rival Delegations to Pan Labor Meet

WASHINGTON—The real meaning of U. S. imperialism to the labor movement is revealed in the selection of delegations from the conquered and appropriated countries to the South. Not only are Nicaragua and Cuba sending bonifide labor delegations to the Pan-American Labor

# APPEAL'S FEATURE DEPARTMENT

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## The Socialists In The War

### In 2 Articles

#### Article I.

#### Editor's Note

The American Mercury recently named James O'Neal, editor of the New Leader and a member of the National Executive Committee of the Socialist Party to chronicle the stand of the Socialists during the World War. He wrote the following pithy article which appeared in a recent number of this magazine. The author and the magazine have kindly given the Appeal the privilege of reproducing it. It is here given in part. It is worth the reading.

—H. W. L.

#### By James O'Neal

On receipt of John Stuart Mill's book "On Liberty," Henry Thomas Buckle wrote that the kind of tyranny more insidious than political despotism. "This is the despotism of custom," he said, "to which ordinary minds entirely succumb, and before which even strong minds quail." When custom is challengingly broken by a few, in wartime, the police are called out and one type of despotism becomes the accomplice of the other.

In April, 1917, the American Socialists gathered in St. Louis to offer their observations on the proposal that the United States should enter the war on the side of the Allies. According to the current statements of Dr. Wilson, God and virtue were at stake. But we Socialists had our doubts, and indulged in the illusion that there would be no harm in expressing them. We were a small band, with little more than a million votes. We had a few daily publications, a few monthlies, and a few hundred weeklies, all of them in debt. Against us was a formidable array of wealth, power and publicity. The newspapers, a great majority of the pastors, most of the politicians, the corporate tycoons, syndicates, and "Rabbits," the police, the army, the navy, and "the moral forces of the law" were all against us. Certainly a peep from us would not stop the general howling for blood. Moreover, there were the first Ten Amendments, the Bill of Rights, and the Constitution, all of them in debt. 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